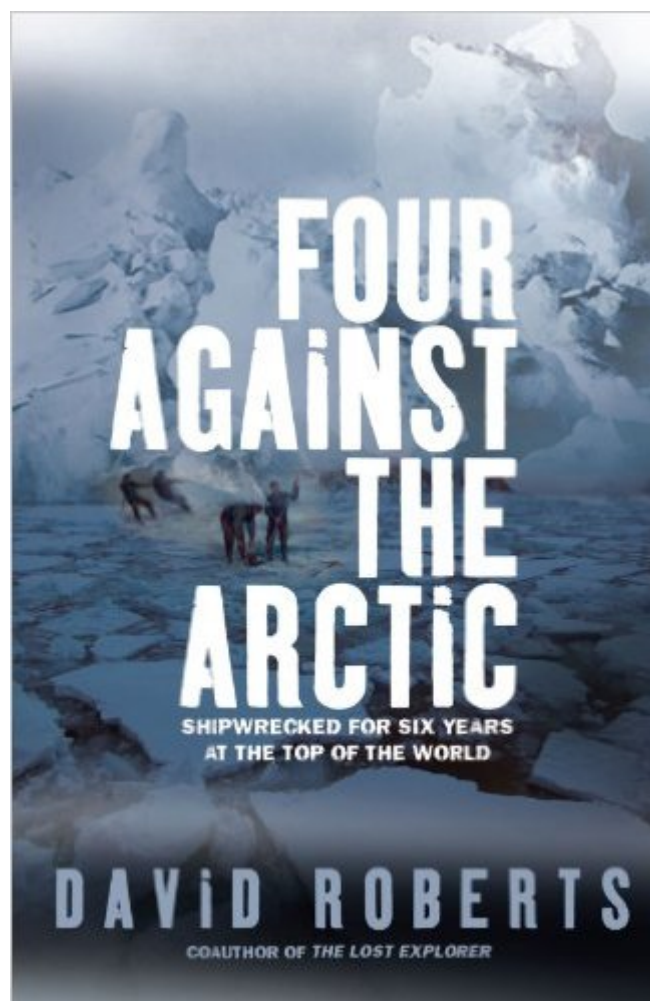


The book was found

# Four Against The Arctic: Shipwrecked For Six Years At The Top Of The World



## Synopsis

While reading Valerian Albanov's *In the Land of White Death*, David Roberts came across the mention of an old legend of four shipwrecked Russian sailors who had managed to survive six years stranded on a barren island in the high Arctic. Incredulous, Roberts -- an expert on exploration literature who had never heard of this account -- was determined to learn the truth behind this extraordinary story. Little did he know that his search would ultimately bring him closer to the experiences of these four survivors than he had imagined. In 1743 four survivors of a Russian shipwreck in the Arctic Ocean were trapped on a tiny island with only twenty pounds of flour for food. With ingenuity and courage they endured six years of nearly unimaginable hardship, with only driftwood to fuel their life-saving fires, and the constant threat of attack from polar bears (they would kill ten with homemade lances). Roberts's quest to document their story would take him across two continents and culminate in his own expedition to the remote and desolate shores where these mysterious sailors had been marooned. Riveting and haunting, *Four Against the Arctic* chronicles an incredible true story.

## Book Information

Paperback: 320 pages

Publisher: Simon & Schuster (September 2, 2005)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0743272315

ISBN-13: 978-0743272315

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.9 x 8.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces

Average Customer Review: 2.9 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (45 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #546,474 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #42 in [Books > History > Europe > Scandinavia > Norway](#) #100 in [Books > Travel > Polar Regions > Arctic](#) #184 in [Books > History > Arctic & Antarctica](#)

## Customer Reviews

It's amazing the story of four Russian sailors' survival on the sub-arctic island of Svalbard for six years isn't better known, considering it's probably the most amazing feat of arctic survival in the long and checkered history of arctic and antarctic exploration. Unfortunately, I have to agree with many of the other reviewers here that the "signal to noise ratio" of the book is pretty low; there really isn't that much information about the sailors' story, and most of the book is really about the extensive

research the author did and his own personal journey to discover the facts of the story. Unfortunately, very little real information seems to be available and the result shows in the final book. There is no doubt that the author went to considerable trouble and did very thorough and extensive research to glean what little information was available, and the author certainly deserves credit for that. As a former researcher myself I understand the fascination of doing research and the thrill of discovery in ferreting out all the facts, but the end result here unfortunately is still pretty thin. The author also spends too much time finding fault with the French academic's style who originally interviewed the sailors, considering that Roberts's style itself is a little too ponderous and grandiloquent at times, especially about pretty trivial matters. On the positive side, however, I did learn a few interesting details of how the sailors managed to survive for the time they did, and I enjoyed that. For example, they were able to build a wooden hut from the driftwood that floats up on Svalbard's rocky shores. Svalbard itself has no trees, but what it does have is literally tons of driftwood.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Four Against the Arctic: Shipwrecked for Six Years at the Top of the World George Eliot Six Pack - Middlemarch, Daniel Deronda, Silas Marner, The Lifted Veil, The Mill on the Floss and Adam Bede (Illustrated with links to free ... all six books) (Six Pack Classics Book 8) The Shipwrecked Mind: On Political Reaction Por una sonrisa, un beso / For a smile, a kiss: El Clan De Los Náufragos / the Clan of the Shipwrecked (Spanish Edition) My Shipwrecked Life: My struggle with alcohol, PTSD and depression TOP PLACES IN THE WORLD TO PLAN YOUR VACATION / HONEYMOON / RETIREMENT: Bonus Chapters Included: TOP 5 Places To Take Photos and Top 5 Places for "City ... vacation packages, vacation photos Book 1) Assessment, Evaluation, and Programming System for Infants and Children (AEPS®), Second Edition, Test: Birth to Three Years and Three to Six Years ... and Programming System (Unnumbered)) Narrative of an Expedition in HMS Terror: Undertaken with a View to Geographical Discovery on the Arctic Shores, in the Years 1836-7 (Cambridge Library Collection - Polar Exploration) The friendly Arctic; the story of five years in polar regions Lean Six Sigma: A CASE STUDY IN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY - IMPROVEMENT OF MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS THROUGH A LEAN SIX SIGMA APPROACH. Pilates Six Pack Exercise Bundle: Learn How to Exercise Correctly Today - Intro to Pilates - Beginner Six Pack Exercises (Ultimate Mind Body Fitness - Strengthen, Tone and Heal Your Body) Entrenamiento Six Pack: Luce tu Six Pack en 6 semanas (Spanish Edition) Rise Of The Six (The Preston Six Book 1) Call of the Six (The Preston Six Book 2) Fall of the Six (The Preston Six Book 3) Jupiter's Travels : Four Years Around the World on a Triumph Paddle to the Arctic: The Incredible Story of a Kayak

Quest Across the Roof of the World Top Collectible Coins in the World: Top 100 Home Security:  
Top 10 Home Security Strategies to Protect Your House and Family Against Criminals and  
Break-ins (home security monitor, home security system diy, secure home network) Official NCAA  
Men's Final Four Records Book (Official NCAA Final Four Tournament Records)

[Dmca](#)